

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 17, 19, and 22 are pending, with Claim 1 being independent. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice.

The June 30, 2005 Amendment was objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) as introducing new matter and Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, on the grounds that (a) the “positive meniscus lens” and “positive biconvex lens” in Claim 1 are disclosed in Fig. 6B but are not “explicit” in the specification and (b) the “negative meniscus lens” in Claim 4 is not shown in Fig. 6A. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

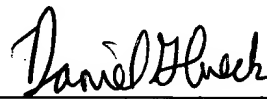
Applicant respectfully submits that the new matter objection should be withdrawn because it is not new matter to claim that which is, as the Official Action admits, depicted in the drawings. MPEP 2163.06, 2163.01. With respect to the allegation that Claim 1's “positive meniscus lens” and “positive biconvex lens” are not “explicit” in the specification, Applicant has amended the specification in a manner earnestly believed to obviate said allegation. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. The remaining grounds of objection and rejection are respectfully submitted to have been mooted by the cancellation without prejudice of Claim 4.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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